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NOTICE.

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SALUTATORY.

It is customary when a person takes charge of a paper to write an article of greeting to the patrons of the publication. My connection in the capacity of editor is very brief, indeed, yet it may be as friendly and powerful as though it be for all lifetime. I am not strange to many of you who were constant readers during the four years and a half you referred to me as "our editor."

It was the force of circumstances that made me editor before and such is the case again. Bro. A. D. Gnagey was unable to arrange his personal affairs to move here last week to prepare for this paper, and accordingly let the task to me to put out this issue. I have done it and the result is yours to do with it as you please. He put me under no restrictions whatever, and left no instructions what I should print, or should not print. Therefore I am responsible to no body but God for what I here do, and neither is he responsible to the patrons of this paper for what is. This is a unique situation, and you have only to blame Conference for not giving our brother a reasonable time to arrange his affairs and make the more, in case this paper does not meet your approval.

Bro. Gnagey expects to move this week, and he will not be ready to take up the work until some time next week, and his first paper will be published between Oct. 15th and 20th. Do not forget this and then wonder why your paper does not come.

VALEDICTORY.

It is also customary in surrendering the oversight of a paper to write a valedictory. In a newspaper experience covering a period of nineteen years and in connection with eight different papers as editor, I never printed a salutatory and valedictory in the same paper. But fashion is mighty and it must be respected even in this case. We bid you adieu readers, and trust you will kindly remember our late noble editor and his wife for the good work they performed in the church, and that you will do your whole

duty to the new one who is about to take charge.

Have faith and pray God that truth may be his in the great service he is about to assume.

A. L. G.

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY.

We give the last page of the paper to Ashland University this week, and request you to do what it asks of you. The institution is in every way deserving. The faculty are all excellent people and live workers and we know that few institutions will do as much for the young folks as will be done here, if the purpose truly is to obtain an education.

Bro. J. Allen Miller is in charge of affairs and he is an excellent young man. In all his school life here at Ashland and through a long acquaintance with him we have not learned a bad thing about him. His mouth is clean and so is his heart, and he is a good example in his individual life, as well as a fine teacher. His life closed as it has been thus far will fully merit the expression of "blessed memory." His whole soul has dropped into the noble work he has accepted, in teaching others the things of God and the ways of Christ Jesus, and there is already a little band of most devoted young men who expect to go out as workers in the vineyard of the Lord. We understand there are frequent inquiries by poor young people who have the burden of souls upon their hearts, whether arrangements can be made to partially work their way through the institution to fit themselves for preaching the Gospel. Here we desire to recommend on the one hand to Bro. Miller to appeal to the church or district where any such request comes for aid to help persons of this class; and on the other hand, churches or districts, in the name of Christ, do not turn a deaf ear to such appeals. The cost is nominal, and if you do not have the money, you have flour, meal, potatoes, vegetables and fruits which you can send here to board them and very little money will then be required. A young person in whom is the wellings up of the grace of God can go to this College at very little expense.

Bro. Rench is a well known name also in the church, and adds to the force of what has been said about the school. He has had considerable experience as a teacher, and for several years past has been a pastor, and meeting with good success.

J. C. Beal has taught school for some years and is growing into splendid ability as a teacher. These three brethren have the management of the school entirely and we know they will make a great success of it if

they continue together in this work here. They deserve the most hearty support and encouragement of the Brotherhood, and we expect they will receive it. The other instructors are also most worthy people, and will render excellent service to all who come under their instructions.

Read the advertisement over and do all that is asked of you, and when you hear of any one intending to go to school, do not fail to direct them this way. It is the beginners the institution needs and wants, and you will make no mistake in using your influence to get any young person just starting, to come here. The attention given such is double what will be given in the old colleges and universities of the land.

By your diligence, next year will give you a large school and soon hundreds of young men will go out who will become devoted servants of the common Master, and greatly enlarge the borders of the church.

You old preachers, who have fought the college for years and cast your influence against it because you thought them young fellows would crowd you out, turn yourself around and love what you once hated, and talk and work for the institution. You will soon be laid upon the shelf anyway, and it is the good you do that will become great; and it will be much more to your credit to help make it greater than to sneak around as though you had stolen a sheep, and thought every body was thinking about you.

I have been abused more in the past than all of you put together and I have always served its highest interests, even when I censured the management. I have done so because the generations to come will pay due honor to my name, though the present should return only abuse and dishonor.

Come along and give the brethren your hand and support.

A writer says, "A flower held gently in the hand will retain its shape and color and beauty; but if handled intemperately, and rudely crushed, its sweetness and appearance must be injured. So must we use the enjoyments of the world—hold them lightly, and use them with moderation." Use, not abuse—that is the rule of true wisdom. Receive them as God's gifts, and use them for His glory, always.

Bishop Hall says, "As there is a foolish wisdom, so there is a wise ignorance in not prying into God's ark, nor inquiring into things not revealed. I would fain know all that I need, and all that I may. I leave God's secrets to Himself. It is happy for me that God makes me of His court, not of His council." Happy for us if we but stand in the vestibule of divine knowledge on the threshold of the great storehouse of the Infinite.